

Remarks

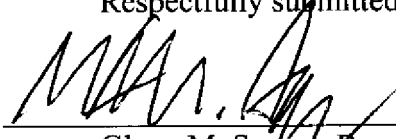
Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of May 2, 2008 and the Advisory Action of August 8, 2008. Claims 33-52 were pending and claims 47-52 had been withdrawn. Claims 33-46 were rejected. In this amendment, claims 33-52 are canceled without prejudice. New claims 53-77 have been added and are currently pending. The specification has been amended to correct a double identification typographical error and to add a numerical identifier. Drawing Fig. 2B has been amended to correct the double identification typographical error, and new drawing Fig. 2D has been added to show the feature of the embodiment that was already in the specification that is now identified by the new numerical identifier (45). Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 33-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray (WO 99/22673) in view of Littleford et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,054,500). While Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection, claims 33-46 have been canceled, rendering this rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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